

LISTING OF CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the patent application.

Claim 1 (currently amended): An operating lever device comprising shafts which are rotated in unison with each other by inclining operation of an operating lever, a shaft support body which rotatably supports the shafts, and rotary damper ~~means~~ device which generates rotation resistance at the time of the inclining operation of the operating lever, ~~being characterized in that~~ wherein

each rotary damper ~~means~~ device includes a damper case having an annular damper chamber for accommodating viscous fluid therein, a rotor which rotates against the viscous fluid in the damper chamber, a fixing pin mounted on a body of the operating lever device, and a damper lever fixed to one of the damper case and the rotor,

a rotation center of the rotary damper ~~means~~ device and a rotation center of each shaft are deviated from each other, the other of the damper case and the rotor is mounted on the shaft, and the damper lever is hooked on the fixing pin.

Claim 2 (currently amended): The operating lever device according to claim 1, ~~being characterized in that~~ wherein a hooking position between the fixing pin and the damper lever can be adjusted.

Claim 3 (currently amended): The operating lever device according to claim 2, ~~being characterized in that~~ wherein the operating lever device comprises an adjusting mechanism which adjusts a ratio between a distance from the rotation center of the shaft to the fixing pin, and a distance from the rotation center of the rotary damper ~~means~~ device to the fixing pin.

Claim 4 (currently amended): The operating lever device according to claim 3, ~~being characterized in that~~ wherein the adjusting mechanism is formed on an upper portion of a floor on which the shaft support body is mounted.